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Volunteer this Fall!



**Caring & Connecting During COVID-19
How You Can Help!**

Dear Pat,

As the leaves start turning it is great to see New York City coming back to life. Organizations around the five boroughs (and beyond) are starting to resume their regular activities and tackle the city's needs after this tough year and a half.

Volunteers can take advantage of this time to start re-engaging with a slew of wonderful opportunities spanning a large range of interests and needs. Unsure of where to start? We would be happy to help you review options to find one that would be right for you.

Organizations featured in this edition include:

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For more ideas go to our website to see previous newsletters and events at <https://volunteer-referral.com/media-press-room/>

Please consider supporting us to help ensure that VRC continues to perform its vital role as a volunteer pipeline, connecting and counseling individuals and groups who want to serve, with our more than 300 partner agencies.

With best wishes,

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The Go Project



Website: <https://www.goprojectnyc.org>

The GO Project's vision is to close the opportunity gap for children from historically under-resourced communities that are struggling in their New York City public school. By providing access to coordinated, comprehensive, and effective programs, GO supports families in ensuring their child's success in school, at home, and in life.

GO School Volunteering: How YOU Can Help

During the GO School Saturday program, a Head Teacher or program facilitator models a lesson, activity, or project to a cohort of students. Volunteers continue to work with small groups of 2-4 students on the lesson, providing individualized attention which allows the students to thrive. Program volunteers may be placed in an academic classroom setting or in a recess and social emotional learning workshop space, depending on preference and program needs.

Program Dates and Training:

Volunteers are asked to commit to one or both school year sessions (Oct-Dec and Jan-May) and must be available to attend the dates they commit to. All training sessions are mandatory and cannot be rescheduled although the exact times are TBD. Orientation and Training sessions will be fully remote for the remote-only track, and a mixture of both in-person and remote training for those who are volunteering in our in-person program.

Orientation is Saturday, October 16 (morning)

Training Sessions are Tuesday, October 19 & Thursday, October 21 (evening), and Saturday, January 22

For more information - Volunteer Responsibilities, Qualifications, Program Dates and Application process click here: <https://files.ctctusercontent.com/fa8a514a301/a2916893-663f-44a5-b0b1-7f7fb1763c2a.pdf?rdr=true>

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Slice Out Hunger



Website: <https://sliceouthunger.org>

Slice Out Hunger, the nation's foremost pizza nonprofit, is hosting Pizza on the Pier in Brooklyn Bridge Park on Sunday, October 17th and they need your help!

Pizza on the Pier is an outdoor pizza event featuring the best pizzerias that this city has to offer (which is to say, the best!) The day will be split into three 90 minute sessions, each featuring different pizza-makers. You'd be scheduled to work during two of the three sessions (in addition to setup & cleanup) and be able to enjoy the festival as their guest for one of the three.

This year a portion of the proceeds will benefit Campaign Against Hunger, a Brooklyn-based nonprofit with a mission to empower our neighbors to lead healthier, more productive and self-sufficient lives by increasing their access to safe, nutritious food and related resources.

When: Sunday, October 17 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM, plus a one-hour virtual onboarding session

Who can volunteer: They welcome all volunteers 18 years or older. They have a variety of roles perfect across a broad range of skill sets. You would need to be available in-person for the October 17th event and for a one-hour virtual onboarding session on Zoom.

Where: They'll be set up in outside of Fornino's on Pier 6 in Brooklyn Bridge Park
Transportation:

How to sign up - You can sign up using this [link](#). Fill out the form with your contact information and select a date and time for your virtual onboarding session. You can email any questions to info@sliceouthunger.org.
<https://sliceouthunger.org/summer-2021-brooklyn-local-volunteer-signup>

How to stay in the loop

If you're not available for this event, but you'd like to stay informed about future events and the pizza world at large, you can follow them on social media or sign up for their [newsletter](#).
<https://sliceouthunger.org/mailling-list>

Trinity Services and Food for the Homeless



Website: <https://safhnyc.org/serve/>

Trinity's Services And Food for the Homeless (or SAFH, pronounced "safe") started out as a response to the homeless living in and around Tompkins Square Park about 30 years ago.

And while the neighborhood of the East Village has changed dramatically these past decades, the need in this community has not.

We are here to feed the hungry, and help all who come through our doors.

We have resumed daily volunteering Monday - Friday at significantly reduced group sizes per COVID CDC guidelines, to minimize interaction with staff and guests.

***Volunteer hours are 9:30am-1:30pm. Monday - Friday
602 East 9th Street***

For information on available dates and to sign up click the link below: <https://web.godeed.today/organization/59f874b7dd6a57404e5ea7c8>

If you need further information, contact:

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Sunnyside Community Services



Website: <https://www.scsny.org/>

Senior Chat Volunteer

Senior Chat volunteers from the tri-state area are matched with an older adult to provide companionship once per week by phone.

18 is the minimum age to volunteer.

Reach out to the Program Coordinator, Emma Finn at 929-335-7911, to learn more about how you can change a senior's life!

Hope and Dreams Initiative, New York



Website: <https://hope-dreams.org>

Hope and Dreams Initiative is an International organization working primarily with Nigerian and other African countries to empower women and young girls through education about menstrual hygiene, HIV/AIDS, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) sexual reproductive health, and GBV (Gender based violence)

Communications and Fundraising Volunteer

They are currently looking for a passionate, focused, and organized volunteer to join Hope and Dreams Initiative, specifically to support their Campaign and fundraising strategy for 2022. The office is based in New York City. You can work remotely and meet once a week with the Executive Director.

Responsibilities

- Provide admin support to the Executive Director
- Assist with the planning of Campaign and fundraising strategy for 2022
- Develop ideas for campaign outreach, fundraising and marketing of a sister social impact brand, Yara Shea Beauty.
- Provide support to the social media activities and website maintenance
- Help with development of fundraising proposals
- Create and monitor all HDI's school programs
- Other duties as necessary

Qualifications

- Demonstrated commitment to Gender Equality and women's issues
- Experience in a fast-paced work environment
- Strong written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills
- Excellent organizational and multitasking skills
- Attention to detail and follow-through
- Ability to handle projects with professionalism and discretion
- Capacity to work under pressure and meet deadlines
- Highly proficient in MS Office, Google Docs, Google Calendar, Excel
- Knowledge and experience with non-governmental organizations, international institutions, United Nations agencies and non-profit organizations.
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team

If you are interested in this opportunity, please reach out to Nguzo Ogbodo via email info@hope-dreams.org or yarashearbeauty@gmail.com.

WIN (Women in Need)



Website: <https://winnyc.org>

WIN transforms the lives of New York City homeless families by providing holistic solutions of safe housing, critical services, and ground-breaking programs they need to succeed on their own so these families can regain their independence and their children can look forward to a brighter future.

Volunteer with WIN Teens

WIN is seeking a vaccinated Spanish-speaking volunteer to support a Brooklyn shelter. This person would lead monthly in-person discussions about school and professional experience with WIN teenagers. Please reach out to Aleena Crawford at acrawford@winnyc.org for more information.

Donation Room Support

WIN is seeking vaccinated volunteers to support their East Harlem Donation Room on upcoming Mondays and Tuesdays. Volunteers will organize donations, sort clothing, and support Donation Room operations as needed. Please click here to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4ca8a62ca6fd0-east>

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Reading Partners



Website: <https://readingpartners.org>

Reading Partners is an education nonprofit that empowers underserved elementary school children with strong literacy skills by partnering them with tutors in the community. In response to the COVID-19 crisis, we have launched an online learning platform called Reading Partners Connects and are looking for tutors to serve our students in a one-to-one virtual tutoring space. Tutoring with Reading Partners requires no teaching experience, as we provide all necessary materials and ongoing support of a Program Coordinator.

You can make a difference in the life of a child with just one hour a week by becoming a **Reading Partner**

Responsibilities:

- Working one-on-one with elementary school students reading below grade level using our virtual structured curriculum
- Preparing for online Zoom lessons with proficiency in online tools such as Google Slides, Zoom, and Reading IQ
- Establishing meaningful relationships and supporting student growth through Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Required Qualifications:

- Willingness to learn about tutoring strategies and our virtual curriculum
- Patience working with students who need help learning

Please click this link to sign up to be a Reading Partner: <https://readingpartners.org/volunteer-new-york-city/>

For more information contact: Clara Monk
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Need More Ideas?

The Volunteer Referral Center has been helping New Yorkers of all ages find great volunteer opportunities for 32 years. With over 300 partner agencies, VRC will guide you to a perfect match.



To schedule a free appointment sign up at <http://volunteer-referral.com/volunteer-opportunities-2/>

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